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## WARSHIPS IN LINE.

English Squadron Ready to Back Consul's Protest.

RUSSIA MUST LEAVE KOREA ALONE.

Another Report Says a British Force Compelled Reinforcement of McLeavy Brown, Adviser to the Korean Customs, Who Had Been Dismissed.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—A special dispatch from Shanghai says:

"It is reported that 17 British warships are off Chemulpo, Korea, southwest of Seoul, supporting the British consul's protest, really amounting to an ultimatum, against the king's practical yielding the government of Korea into the hands of the Russian minister.

"The protest is specially directed against the dismissal of Mr. McLeavy Brown, British adviser to the Korean customs, in favor of the Russian nominee. The news has produced consternation at Seoul, which is heightened by the knowledge that Japan has a fleet of 30 warships awaiting the result of the British representation, that Japan fully supports. Japan is irritated by the arrival of Russian troops in Korea, and it is believed she will oppose them.

"According to advices from Tokio, Japan has offered to assist the officers at Peking in drilling the Chinese army and to consent to a postponement of the payment of the war indemnity. Many of the viceroys and Peking officials favor the proposal."

According to a dispatch to The Daily Mail from Shanghai, it is reported there from reliable sources that a British force landed at Chemulpo, on Saturday and caused the reinstatement of Mr. McLeavy Brown. The same dispatch refers to a native rumor that the union jack has been hoisted on an island in the mouth of the river Yang-tse-kiang."

The Peking correspondent of The Times says:

"The government refuses to place the skin under foreign control as security for the loan proposed by the Hongkong and Shanghai bank and asserts that unless the loan is procurable without this condition arrangements will forthwith be made for a Russian guaranteed 4 per cent loan of \$90,000,000 taels, to be issued at 90 net."

"The security would be the land tax which would remain under Chinese administration. China, in return, would give Russia a monopoly of the railways and mines north of the great wall, open a port as a terminus of the railway (transsiberian) and would agree that a Russian should succeed Sir Robert Hart as director of Chinese imperial maritime customs. If these conditions should be permitted, British trade interests would suffer severely."

The Shanghai correspondent of The Times says:

"The steamer Phoenix sailed yesterday under orders to join the British squadron. The utmost secrecy is preserved with regard to the latter's movements, but gossip here suggests that its destination is Taku."

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Fatal Fire In Rochester.

R. Dec. 27.—During a fire building at 127 North Washington a floor fell, fatally and seriously wound-

## STARVATION OR NOT?

Rather Conflicting Stories About the State of Things In Dawson City.

SKAGWAY, Alaska, via Seattle, Wash., Dec. 27.—John Lindsay of Olympia, Wash., who has just arrived from Dawson City, says there will surely be starvation there this winter. He examined into the food situation thoroughly, he says, and after satisfying himself that there would be starvation he sold his outfit and, in company with Frank Ballaine of Olympia, Wash.; Tom Story of Victoria, B. C., and Bob Glynn of Seattle, started out on foot, each man drawing a sled carrying about 140 pounds of provisions.

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It then became necessary to flood this, which gave the ship a list of 17 degrees to the starboard. She met terrible weather in trying to reach here. Her sides and deck were almost unbearable with heat, and the provisions were all spoiled by steam and smoke. The paint is now peeling off her sides, while gangs of men are landing the cattle, almost maddened with heat.

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## CANALS COME HIGH.

What Improvements In New York State Will Cost.

ENGINEER ADAMS SAYS \$16,000,000.

He Presents an Exhaustive Report Accounting For This Sum and States That the Work Has Been as Rapidly Pressed as Possible.

ALBANY, Dec. 27.—State Engineer and Surveyor Campbell W. Adams, in response to an inquiry from E. R. Heford, chairman of the executive canal committee of the chambers of commerce of the state, regarding the present status of the work of improving the canals of the state, has made a report to that body on the subject in question, which has been approved by Superintendent George W. Aldridge of the state department of public works.

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That the careful surveys and estimates made in 1896 from a thorough examination of the 46 miles of canals to be improved showed that the probable cost of such improvement was about \$16,000,000.

4. That an unsuccessful effort was then made to cut out work to bring the cost within the appropriated \$9,000,000.

5. That the impossibility of using a large portion of the excavated material for use on the banks of the canals, as originally contemplated, very greatly increased the cost.

6. That during the progress of the work of excavation the unpreventable caving in of dilapidated and toppling walls and structures necessitated new constructions and increased quantities of large additional expense.

7. That contracts have already been let for the completion of about two-thirds of the proposed improvement, which portion it is expected will have been completed at the opening of navigation in 1898. The estimated cost at contract prices of this two-thirds of the work aggregates \$7,121,812, though this covers two-thirds of the length and not the volume of the whole work.

8. The contracts already let cover what are believed to be the most difficult portions of the proposed improvement.

9. That approximately \$7,000,000 additional will be required to complete the improvement.

10. That with that sum available we believe the entire improvement can probably be completed at the opening of navigation in 1899.

11. That the progress made to date has been as rapid as was consistent with other conditions, and that the whole work might have been under contract had not sufficient funds been available.

12. That contractors are required by law to bid upon a definite character and quantity of work, and that they are finally paid for the actual amount of work performed at the contract prices. Under this plan the state always pays for the work actually done for it—no more, no less.

## Well Known Manufacturer Dead.

ROYALSTON, Mass., Dec. 27.—Col. George Whitney, a prominent manufacturer of this town, died yesterday, after a month's illness. He was born here in 1817. After being some years engaged in the lumber and chair business he at length became interested in the manufacture of woollens and continued it until his death. He served three years in the lower branch of the legislature, twice in the senate and was for five years a member of the executive council, while for 14 years he was an active member of the militia. He leaves a widow and one son.

City Mated For Boners.

SIOUX FALLS, Dec. 27.—Judge Garland of the federal court has entered a decree of judgment against the city of Huron for \$56,000 and interest in a suit brought by the holder of school bonds to recover their face value. The town of Huron sought to repudiate payment, claiming the bonds were illegally issued because the legal amount of indebtedness had been exceeded. The bonds were held by eastern banks.

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## POLICE USED SWORDS

Serious Riot In Havana Results In Many Arrests.

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Congressman King of Utah Now In Cuba Report That Insurgents Have Hanged More Commissioners—The Spanish Press Demands More Warships.

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The Klondike will open up a new field of usefulness for the dog. In Seattle an enterprise is on foot to establish a dog nursery, where the animals will be trained for the Alaska service and then sent there and sold to the miners. It is believed that the dogs will solve the vexed problem of transportation, says the New York Journal.

Ex-Mayor Black and J. B. Powles, of Seattle, who are behind the enterprise, are gathering dogs in Chicago, St. Paul and other cities. The first carload of 220 picked animals has already arrived in Seattle. They have been gathered with view of doing packing and sled drawing over the Alaska trails. No spaniels or other sporting dogs have been secured, but only the hard-footed, long-haired breeds, that will weigh from 60 to 70 pounds each.

"Our object," said Mr. Powles, "is in bringing the dogs to Seattle now is to give them a good training. They will be placed in charge of Oscar Jones, who has charge of the Seattle kennels. We expect to sell the dogs, and train them from now until spring, fitting harness to them, breaking them to drive, and in every way training them so they can be used as soon as they reach the trails. We have brought them in thus early in the season to avoid risks of cold weather. We expect to bring a carload from Philadelphia soon, and in all will have four or five carloads."

CAUGHT IN HIS OWN TREE.  
A Man of Family Pride Who Met with a Surprise.

A Washington man who prides himself upon his family connections is just recovering from an attack of nervous prostration, says the Star. This man lately became possessed of the idea of constructing a family tree, feeling assured he could produce a growth that would dwarf the giants of the California forests into insignificance. He began on one branch of his family, and soon struck Miles Standish, from whom he ran various shoots and offshoots, with many a feeling of pride. With renewed interest he went to work on another branch of his growing tree, and had gone back but four generations when he was amazed to strike a great-grandfather who had died from strangulation brought on by a rope encircling his throat, his death occurring in the presence of a large gathering of curious people, who had taken a day off during harvest time in order to see the hanging. By this time the man of family pride had become intensely disgusted with genealogical investigations, but all that his friends knew of his disappointment was the fact that he remained away from the busy haunts of his fellows for several weeks, and the family physician gave out the information that he was the victim of a severe case of nervous prostration.

"THEATER SICKNESS."  
A New Disease Discovered by a French Physician.

"Theater sickness" is the name of the new disease recently discovered by the eminent French physician, Dr. Morticole, which is at present a topic of a good deal of discussion in scientific and lay circles in Paris. The doctor declares that "theater sickness" and sea sickness resemble one another, take their victims entirely unawares, and prey especially on women. The symptoms consist of giddiness, loss of consciousness, a deep faint, and in perverse cases the malady causes death. It seizes a victim after he has gazed long at the stage, and more commonly in tragedy than in comedy, and, in brief, it constitutes a species of asphyxia. When men feel "theater sickness" coming on they become, according to Dr. Morticole, oblivious to all considerations of locality and put their heads between their knees, while women feel an inclination to recline with their feet at an acute angle above their heads, so excessive is the vertigo. Fortunately, cases of "theater sickness" are as yet the exception rather than the rule. A theater where all the men's heads would be bowed down between their knees, and where all the women were to have their feet in the air, would furnish a strange mixture of the mournful and of the hilarious.

## COSTERS' ENGLISH.

At Least It Is Supposed to Be English, But It Doesn't Look Like It.

English costers have a language of their own. There is nothing very remarkable about it, its chief characteristic being a palpable kind of back spelling, says *Tit-Bits*.

In money matters a *couter* will speak of a halpenny as a "paltch," while "gen" is a shilling; but "teach gey" is eight shillings. "Couter" means a sovereign, "paltch" passes for a sovereign, but a crown being given the somewhat unpronounceable term, "fleachyork."

A curious method of expressing multiples is shown by "feeth-ewal pens," meaning 15 shillings. "A dooghean" means "a good market;" "dabbene," a bad one. "A regular trosseno" stands for "a regular bad one."

"Yes" and "no" are respectively said by "ne" and "nay." "Tumble to your bar-rin" expresses "understand you." "Flash it" signifies "show it." "Cross chap" means a thief. "Showfuls" is an equivalent for bad money.

"Do the tightish" is a very expressive term, the derivation of which is not difficult to understand, it means "go to dinner." "Nellins" stands for "the off," and "tol" is a "rate."

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## "KINE TO EVRYBUDDE"The Odd Inscription on a Kentucky Tombstone.

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## WENT TO JAIL FOR LOVE.

## Woman Takes All the Blame for a Murder Her Fiance Committed.

The supreme court of Mexico has asked President Diaz to pardon Maria Montesitos, who, some time ago, was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment in Belém jail for a murder she never committed. The crime for which she is suffering punishment was the killing of Pascoal Montaño, in a family quarrel. Miss Montesitos' lover, Piquinto Torres, was the real murderer, but because she loved him Maria was willing to take the penalty. She took all the blame for the murder and during the preliminary inquiry by the third criminal judge, and afterward at the trial by jury, stoutly maintained that she, and she alone, was responsible for the death of Montaño, whom she had killed, she said, to free herself from his constant courtship and dishonorable propositions. Torres, therefore, got off scot-free, and the woman, as the murderer was considered to have been committed under aggravated circumstances, was sentenced to 20 years in prison, a sentence which she cheerfully accepted. But Torres, when he got out, was unfaithful, and jealousy then proved too much for Maria when she learned of this. She presented the clearest proof that she was innocent and Torres guilty, and showed letters from him to that effect. Her first attempt to secure relief was made before the superior tribunal and was unsuccessful, but the supreme court has just set aside that decision and asked President Diaz to grant her freedom.

## SHED THEIR TEETH.

## A Peculiarity About the Muskellunge Fish.

A few weeks ago I advanced what was to me the curious information regarding the shedding of its teeth by the muskellunge during the summer months, says a writer in Forest and Stream. I now have confirmation on the matter advanced at that by Mr. H. L. Stanton, of Chicago, and I believe the phenomenon properly to be regarded as established. Mr. Stanton's observations were made in Wisconsin, and his original informant had seen the phenomenon in Canada. Now comes Mr. H. G. McCartney, of Chicago, who has observed the same thing in the waters of Cass and Itasca counties of Minnesota. Mr. McCartney says that last spring in May and June the teeth of all the muskellunge taken in Woman lake and adjacent waters were sound and normal. On July 10 he examined fish which showed jaws red and inflamed, and with some of the teeth missing. In August still more teeth were found to be absent in specimens examined. In late August and in September it was the rule that no teeth at all would be found in the mouths of the muskellunge taken. The muskellunge taken in October all showed perfect teeth. Mr. McCartney intends to keep record on this matter next year. He does not know whether the teeth are shed yearly or not, but knows that they are shed sometimes.

## PRODUCTION OF OZONE.

The progress in the construction and working of ozone generators has lately been such that ozone can now be produced in large quantities continuously, and the industrial application of ozone can, therefore, be carried on now at a relatively low cost and on a large scale. Impure water can be rendered wholesome and drinkable by means of ozone, which in the presence of water acts as a very powerful bactericide.

## NATURAL INFERENCES.

N. Peck. My wife hasn't spoke a cross word to me for two weeks.

Bettershaws—When is she coming back?—Indianapolis Journal.

## NOT PLEASANT.

He—Ah, now! if I were only to think twice whenever I spoke, I should be—

She—You would be what they call a—*suite*.—Ally Sloper.

## NO SUNDAY LABOR IN RUSSIA.

Under a new decree *Uchase* in Russia labor upon Saturday or on the 14 great feast days of the year is to be severely punished. J. H. Davis labor are restricted to ten hours for children and 14 for adults, and to ten hours on Saturday.

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This ball will eclipse anything of the kind ever attempted in Orange county.

\$100 IN PRESENTS WILL BE GIVEN AWAY. READ THEM.

To the Lady Wearing the Finest Costume, a Handkerchief Prize. To be given in the fore wind of Dec. 28th. Adair's &amp; Co., North St.

To the Gentleman Wearing the Most Elaborate Costume, a Gold-filled Neck Box. To be seen in the window of Tuthill's Pharmacy, on James St.

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To the Person Selling the Most Tickets before the night of the ball, a Ten Dollar Gold Piece. To be seen in H. S. Dusenberry &amp; Son's window, on North street.

All these presents can be seen in the different store windows advertised until 8 p. m. of the night of December 31st.

A SPECIAL ORCHESTRA, with the newest music, has been engaged for the occasion, including some of the members of the WEST POINT BAND. Admission Prices:

Gents' Tickets 50c. Ladies' Tickets 25c. Spectators in the Balcony 25c.

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## UP THE MIDLAND.

The Acid Business in the Dumps—Rockland's High Taxes—A Big Land Owner—Concealers Bear Meat—Chance for a Barrel Factory—Good Prices for Milk—Rector Howell's Troubles.

Correspondence About and Mixture.

The acid business is not booming by any means and those who work for the factories, who were induced to vote for McKinley at the last presidential election in hopes of better wages, are now thinking what dampfhoths they were as they chop wood for seventy-five or eighty cents a cord.

Taxes are high in Rockland; in fact that town is only second on the list. When Rockland's Commissioner of Highways sells a bridge for \$50 to Leighton that those interested would have willingly paid \$400 for to use as a private bridge it's no wonder taxes pile up.

Leighton, the acid king, owns more land than any other man in the State. He is now connecting by telephone all of his acid factories with his store at Cooks Falls. This will save him a great deal of travel. He will also open a butcher shop in the spring and supply the people of that section and all of his workmen with fresh meat at fair living prices as he has an extensive farm surrounding his acid factory at Methyl, three miles south of the railroad station.

Bear meat is nothing to brag about and those who have one eat it don't hanker after more. One good sized bear is enough for any small city to eat at one time. There are lots of old setts up here who have eaten more bear and woodchuck meat than they ever care to do again and they will tell you that of the two they prefer woodchuck. These two kinds of meat are not ripe at the same season and this is what creates a small demand for both of them.

What is greatly needed at some point on the O. and W. is a barrel factory. Since nearly all the wheat flour used now comes in cotton sacks, empty flour barrels are a thing of the past, and farmers who have apples and potatoes to ship cannot put them in shape to send to market. A factory of this kind need not be confined to the trade of any one section, as the markets of the world would be open to its products, which could be shipped in the flat. There is plenty of timber here to keep one running for the next twenty years.

Ru-hmoo, the Norwich creamery man, pays 34 cents a quart for milk, and that too in the fourth freight zone, which goes to show that the difference in cost of freight has but little to do with the price paid to the farmer.

The Rev. Mr. Howell has more friends in Monticello than outside people are led to believe by reading the papers. This is a church fight, and the devil (I am not sure but that I ought to spell that with a big "D") is getting in his work, as is usual in all religious fights. RUSTICS.

## HOW IT SPREADS.

People Are Taking All Over Middle town—This Report Comes From Robert Street.

How it spreads. Can't keep a "good thing" down. Ever notice how good thing are imitated?

Better the article, more imitators. Fortunately the people have a safe guard.

Praise can't be imitated. And true praise takes root and spreads. Claim is one thing proof another.

Gum is what the manufacturers say.

Middletown people say

Doan's Kidney Pills cure sick kidneys. Cure all kidney ills.

Hundreds of citizens testify to this.

Here is a case in point:

Mrs. C. H. Coleman, of the Columbus Hotel, No. 46 Roberts street, says—

"Kidney disease runs in our family. I have been tried for the past six years myself, but the greater quantity of Doan's Kidney Pills I bought at J. E. Mills' drug store were for my mother and one of my brothers. Backache so severe I could not stand it, and too stubborn to be affected by placebos, home remedies or physician's prescriptions, clung to me most of the time. I have left my bed late at night and gone to a doctor's, begging him for relief. I could not wait until he was sent for. Urinary trouble set in. The deposit alarmed me. My general health was impaired and I considered myself lucky in being induced to try Doan's Kidney Pills. It was only a few days when I got relief and in five or seven more my trouble had disappeared. When they cured me so promptly I immediately sent some to my mother, who lives at Glenwood, Sullivan county. Her home adjoins the Sullivan County Club House. The first box I sent her did her so much good that she made me send her some more. I have sent some to my sister who has the same symptoms as I, but at present I cannot speak positively about her or my brother. I can about Doan's Kidney Pills. No words of mine can express my opinion. They are easy to take, leave no disagreeable after-effects and go right for the kidneys."

Doan's Kidney Pills are sold for 50 cents per box or six boxes for \$2.50.

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Remember the name, Doan's, and take no substitute.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

To quit tobacco easily and forever, be mag-

netic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-

Ba, the wonder-worker, that makes men strong. All druggists, 50c or \$1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address

Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago, or New York.

## IN ANCIENT GOSHEN.

Christmas Services—Other Local Notes—Personal Mention—The Squirrel—Its Advantages and Disadvantages.

From a Special Correspondent.

A "Vigil" service was held in St. James' Church, on Christmas Eve, at 11:45. Directly after midnight, there was a celebration of the holy communion. There was a second celebration at 7:30, and a third at 11 a. m.

—Miss Persi-Strat, of Bradford, Pa., is the guest of Miss Alice Nease in this village.

—Mrs. George C. Miller and daughter have gone to New York, where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

—There was no meeting of the Ladies' Whist Club last week.

—All the bunting used in the decoration of St. James' Church was the gift of a member of the congregation, and was cut from the trees in her own grounds.

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THE SEMI-WEEKLY MERCURY  
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WEATHER INDICATIONS.  
By Associated Press.

TERMS—\$1.50 per year, 75c for six months  
The following was the reading of the thermometer  
at 8 a. m. Dec. 30, 1897, 34°, 3 d. m. 34°.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.  
By Associated Press.

Dec. 27—Mrs. May Wright Sewall, of Home Koops, at  
the State Hospital, was the guest of the thermometer  
at 8 a. m. Dec. 30, 1897, 34°, 3 d. m. 34°.

THE TEMPERATURE.  
The following was the reading of the thermometer  
Tuesday, October 23, 1897, this morning.

THE ROPE NOTES.  
Dec. 27—Santa Claus and Mother Goose,  
etc., etc., at Aspinwall Rooms.

Dec. 28—Ball of Ontario House Co., at Aspinwall  
Rooms.

Dec. 30—Masquerade ball, at Casino, under  
the roof.

Dec. 31—Masquerade ball, at Casino, under  
the roof.

Jan. 1—Masquerade ball, at Casino, under  
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Jan. 2—Masquerade ball, at Casino, under  
the roof.

Jan. 3—Masquerade ball, at Casino, under  
the roof.

Jan. 4—John Thomas Concert Co., Y. M. C  
orps, at Casino.

State Engineer Adams, who estimated  
that \$9,000,000 would deepen the State  
canals, now estimates that \$5,000,000  
will be needed to complete the work.  
Legislative action is asked, but no more  
money should be voted until the State  
has an engineer who can estimate within  
a few million dollars of the probable cost  
of finishing the job.

CHRISTMAS WITH THE PATIENTS  
The State Hospital Was the Scene of  
Real Happiness Friday Night and Sat-  
urday.

Many more Christmas girls were re-  
cived at State Hospital patients, this  
year, than in any recent year and sever-  
al hundred were distributed through the  
happiness accompaniments of a fine  
Christmas tree, standing twenty-five  
feet high and brilliantly lighted with  
varied colored electric lights, held innum-  
erable gifts suspended from the limbs,  
and bundles were draped up bethel for  
patients and attendants. Christmas Eve,  
Tea, coffee, cake and apples were dis-  
tributed. There was an orchestra of five  
pieces present, and dancing was indulged  
in.

THE CHRISTMAS DINNER.

One. About 1,600 pounds of turkey, 100  
duck and chicken were deliciously pre-  
pared by the competent chef, and all the  
necessary accompaniments of a fine  
Christmas dinner for 400 convalescing pa-  
tients and attendants. Christmas Eve,  
the scene in the sunniest hall, Fri-  
day night, was one never to be forgotten  
by those who were permitted to witness  
the happiness of the unfortunate. Two  
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After the distribution of the presents  
order, coffee, cake and apples were dis-  
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MISS DOROTHY MORTON IN TOWN.

Miss Dorothy Morton, and her com-  
panion, who will appear at the Casino, to-  
night, arrived in town on the train, to-  
day. Miss Morton, who is at the Cas-  
ino, determined to try it, and I have never  
been troubled with soft rhum since. I  
begun taking it, my boy had some on  
his face, but I told him, "Miss,"

Miss Dorothy Morton in town.  
for 25c by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell,  
Mass.

Hood's Pills cure all liverills. Mailed  
Hoods, shipped on an 18c shot Friday,  
and nothing breaks her hips. Mrs. Writer  
about eighty years old and the injury is  
serious one.

Soft Rhum cured.

"I had soft rhum on my hands so that  
the skin would break open and bleed. I  
read so much about Hood's Salicycillin  
I determined to try it, and I have never  
been troubled with soft rhum since. I  
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Hope, slipped on an 18c shot Friday,  
and nothing breaks her hips. Mrs. Writer  
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THE CHRISTMAS DINNER.

At the First Baptist Church was a com-  
plete and unqualified success. The final  
meeting of the committee will be held  
Wednesday evening, after which a final  
statement will be made to the public.

The happiest people in the city were  
those who helped in this beautiful work.

Over 300 children feasted at the first

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# It Has Seemed Like Old Times

IN  
Our Warehouses for the Last  
Few Days.

We have actually been unable to give every one of our patrons the attention we would like, but we are not surprised, as we have just the goods the public want for Christmas presents, and the prices are not much more than half of former years. Novelties in Furniture, Crockery and Eric a-Brac on every hand. We set out this year with the determination to remove the necessity for any person going out of town to buy their X-mas presents. We can suit everybody from 1 cent to \$100. Just think what a nice present a first-class Sewing Machine at \$17.50 or a \$75 Orange County Express Bicycle at \$40 would make. Respectfully

C. Emmet Crawford,  
44 AND 46 NORTH STREET.

We Pause—  
To tell you what one of the prettiest girls in Orange County said about our Perfection Glove Cleaner. She said, "It's not only the best I ever used, but it's simply perfection and everybody ought to know about it." We said we'd tell everybody about it right after Christmas — here it is — Perfection Glove Cleaner — large bottles 15 cents, made and sold only by ourselves.

McMonagle & Rogers, 30 North St. and 155 North St. (North Side Pharmacy).

And speaking of Gloves reminds us of the hands to wear 'em, and that the best thing to keep the hands smooth, white and attractive is our Orange Flower Balm — A few drops on them at night does it, keeps them free from hang nails, 30 years' popularity proves this no fable.

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THIS WEEK  
Special Sale  
OF  
RUGS

The Cheapest Place in  
the City.

FRANCE &  
HATHAWAY  
27 EAST MAIN STREET

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—Rubbers cheap at The Hub.  
—Bedding on cloths at Carson & Towner's.  
—Kilmer's swamp root at F. M. Prout's.  
—Holiday goods cheap at Economy Store.  
—Perfection glove cleaner at McMonagle & Rose's.  
—Book accounts for sale Jan. 10th.  
—Ball at Mennagh's Hall, New Year's Eve.  
—Pockethook lost.  
—Sale of rare, Frause & Hathaway.  
—Old lots at Morris B. Wolf's.  
—"A Trip Across the Ocean" at Casino, Jan. 4.  
—New Year's cards at Stanford & Morton's.  
—Last week of carpet sale at Gro. B. Adams'.  
—Best cheese loco a pound at J. W. Stouts'.  
—Dyepen cured by Stouts' Dyepen's in Tabbet.  
—Health restored by Dr. Miles' Nervine.  
—Calendars given with Fairy Soap.  
—Pho's Cure for coughs and colds.

## LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Regular meeting of Common Council, to-night.

—The Erie, as is usual at this season, has laid off a number of its section hands.

—A Maybrook woman, sixty-seven years old, is just cutting her wisdom teeth.

—Charles Moore, Jr., won a handsome silk quilt at Louis Waizzenegger's, Saturday night.

—Petite, graceful Dorothy Morton at the Casino, to-night, in "Miss Brevity of Hong Kong."

—A first class entertainment for a moderate price, to-night, at Second Presbyterian Church.

—Miss Dorothy Morton will produce "Miss Brevity of Hong Kong" at the Casino, to-night.

—The canasta and supper to the Sunday School of the First Congregational Church occurs, to-night at 7:30.

—John L. Sullivan will be at the Casino, next Tuesday evening, Jan. 4th, with his vaudeville company.

—City Engineer Smith is mourning the loss of his fine bay horse. The animal died of pneumonia, Saturday night.

—J. V. Jordan has given Chauncey Brooks the contract for the creamery and ice house he is to build at Allard's Corners in the town of Montgomery.

—The committee in charge of the "Billy" Williams benefit is requested to meet Tuesday evening, Dec. 28th, at Mr. Williams' apartments on North street.

—The entertainment given at the Second Presbyterian Church, to-night, is known to be the best of its kind ever held in this city. Admission 25 cents; children 15 cents.

—The operetta, "Santa Clause and Mother Goo-e," will be given, this evening, at the Assembly Rooms, at 7:30. Admission, children under twelve, ten cents; adults, fifteen cents.

—A winter camp meeting, on the Ocean Grove plan, will be held in the Port Jervis M. E. Church commencing Jan. 9th, by Rev. Mr. Daniel, evangelist of the Newark conference.

—Don't sit home and hatch out trouble this joyous X-mas time, but go to the Second Presbyterian Church, to-night, and hear, see and feel the marvelous entertainment given by Mr. Hatch.

—The friends of Mrs. Joseph Scofield will learn with regret that she is very low from the effects of a stroke of paralysis, sustained several weeks ago, and it is feared that she cannot long survive.

—At a meeting of Lancelot Lodge, No. 163, Knights of Pythias, held Friday night, it was decided not to hold a public installation of officers on January 7th, but to hold a "star" for members only.

## PERSONAL.

—Mrs. Murray Kay, of Kingston, is visiting in this city.

—Mrs. George Barth spent Christmas and Sunday at Oakland, N. J.

—John Dennis, with Carson & Towner, spent Sunday at Decker's.

—Dr. Fred C. Royce, of Brooklyn, spent Christmas with his parents here.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. McCarter, of New York, spent Christmas in town.

—Robert Hale, of Port Jervis, spent Christmas with his mother in this city.

—The Misses Horton, of Brooklyn, spent Christmas at Miss Flora Horton's.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Madden spent Christmas with relatives in this city.

—Frank Florence, of Boston, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Florence.

—Dr. Daniel T. Millspangh, of the Riverside Sanitarium, Paterson, is in town, to-day.

—Louis Dawkins, of Newton, N. J., spent Christmas and Sunday with relatives in this city.

—Mr. and Mrs. MacBurney, of Jersey City, spent Christmas with Mrs. MacBurney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Royce.

—James Powers and Miss Kate Powers returned to Brooklyn, to-day, after spending Christmas with their parents here.

—Alexander C. Mackey, of Middletown, is spending the Christmas season with his family at Mattawan — Fishkill Standard.

—Dr. and Mrs. August Wolf, of New York, spent the holidays in this city visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Wolf.

—Samuel Schellenberg, with Blake & Co., piano dealers of Boston, is home on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Schellenberg.

—Miss Maude Smith, of New Brunswick, N. J., spent Christmas with her parents, ex-Superintendent of Fire Alarm and Mrs. Frank T. Smith.

—Mrs. Guy O. Sawyer is visiting Mrs. D. Guy Lockwood at Middletown. James Hering, of Middletown, is spending the holidays at home — Walton Reporter.

—Miss Lila A. Stewart was in Kingston, Friday, conferring with ladies interested in the Kingston Hospital in regard to a kirmess which they are planning to give for the benefit of the hospital.

## SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH.

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOLD EXERCISES APPROPRIATE TO THE DAY.

The Assembly Rooms were tastefully decorated with palms, plants, cut flowers and evergreens. The Sunday School held a service appropriate to Christmas at 10 a. m. At 11 a. m. there were special Christmas services, with special music. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Emery, preached a Christmas sermon from the text, Mark x. 15: "As a Little Child." He said, "It is not without significance that the record of the 'Savior of the world' dwells upon the fact that he was born as a little child, that he grew and exerted an influence as a little child. Certainly it is not only a natural but a sweet and helpful thing that at Christmas tide young and old alike linger in thought and heart over the little Christ child in the limestone kiln at Bethlehem. Christmas is the children's festival. We all have part in it and enjoy it because there is something of the child in all of us. Thank God for that! That is one of the things that will save us. We all need more of the trustfulness, the teachableness, the instinctive loving faith of the little child."

At 7:30 the Christmas service of song was very fine and the congregation filled the Assembly Rooms. The choir of children for the occasion consisted of Ella Case, Myra Wager, Myra Gibbs, Annie Craig, Gladys Miller, Grace Mapes, Ella Hand, Wallace LeFever, Amos Wood and Ivan Mapes, under the direction of Mrs. Emery. Their beautiful rendering of Christmas music charmed and blessed the large congregation.

The pastor conducted the devotional service and preached a short sermon on "The Holy Spirit of God," expressing it as his desire and prayer that God's spirit, Christ's spirit, the Christmas spirit, should always dwell in each individual heart and life.

The Christmas observance will be continued this evening in the Assembly Room, at 7:30 o'clock, when the operetta, "Santa Claus and Mother Goose," will be given by the children, and a Christmas tree will be in evidence with its treasures for the children.

## CHRISTMAS AT THE HOME.

## JOYOUS TIME FOR THE LITTLE ONES AT THE CHILDREN'S HOME.

The Sunday School held its annual entertainment, Christmas night, some thirty visitors from down town being present. Souvenir programmes were given to each guest.

The tree was beautiful and Santa Claus could not have been more generous. The little folks were showered with gifts. After enjoying their gifts for an hour they were called to order and they sang "There's something in my soul" and were dismissed. Mrs. Winters served excellent refreshments to the guests and took them through the building.

Thanks for the splendid success of the entertainment are due to the most generous aid of the Episcopal Sunday School, First Congregational, Y. P. S. C. L., First Baptist Sunday School, Methodist Sunday School, Second Presbyterian Sunday School, First Presbyterian Sunday School, King's Daughters of Second Presbyterian Church, Boys' Mission Band of Second Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Winters, Mrs. Gray, Miss H. Larson, J. Bush, Andrew Brown, H. B. Woodward, A. & P. T. Co., Hanford & Horton, Evans Bros., Mrs. S. H. Talcott, Mrs. Daniel Corwin, Mrs. Wm. Southwell, Mrs. F. Jackson, Mrs. Wm. Lockwood, Mrs. Carrie Roe, Mrs. James Little, Miss Sahe Roe, Miss Laura Smith, Miss Anna Doyle, Miss Sadie Bodine, Miss Maud McDonald, Miss Ida Osborn, W. Knapp, Master Horton, Gering, Miss Nellie Shafer and Abram Petit.

## MAYOR MANCE CANED.

## EMPLOYEES OF THE O. AND W. PAINT SHOPS SURPRISED HIM FRIDAY NIGHT.

Mayor Mance was agreeably surprised and supremely pleased, Christmas Eve, when a boy from Gordon's jewelry store left at his home a beautiful ebony cane, topped off heavily with gold. The inscription "To our foreman, Charles E. Mance, Dec. 25, 1897," explained who the donors were. Accompanying the cane was a gold pen in a silver holder, also the gift of the loyal employees of the O. and W. paint shops, over which the mayor presides.

His Honor earned the cane down town, to-day, and he was the recipient of many congratulations.

## CONGREGATIONAL SERVICES.

## ADDRESSES BY G. H. DECKER AND JUSTICE A. H. PAYNE.

The Christmas services at the First Congregational Church, Sunday night, drew a large audience. There was Christmas music, responsive readings and timely addresses by G. H. Decker, Justice A. H. Payne and the pastor, Rev. Dr. Wm. A. Robinson.

## MASTER KNUPP'S OUTFIT MADE A HIT.

Master Walter Knapp received a cute Portland sleigh, blankets, whip, harness, etc., for Christmas, and he "ent a rattle" behind his goat, Christmas afternoon.

The outfit is one which wins the heart of every boy, and the little man enjoyed immensely the attention he attracted.

Several people owning cameras stopped and were given permission to take a snap shot of the rig.

## MISFAPS ON THE O. AND W.

The O. and W. milk train was badly broken up in the Weehawken yard while being made up, Friday morning.

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Isabel's Warnings for her friend, Elberta, including Soft Shells of Almonds, the Moxie Water, the April 5 and Soo Evaporated Peaches, the 16 Almonds, the Whortleberries, the Raspberries, the Nocturnes, the Raisins, the 8 and 12, the 14 and 12, Silver Prunes, the 16, the 18, the 20, the 22 and 24, the Christmas Nuts, the New Honey, the Pork, the Best, the 1st, the 2nd, and the Cottolene, 4 pounds, the Common Lard, 4 pounds, 25c; Bananas, Oranges, Lemons, Buttermilk, Arrows and Lion Coffee, 12c a pound, Best Macaroni, 29c, Java Tea, White Comb Honey, 12c per pound.

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## HALF AN HOUR.

By Priscilla Leonard.

IT WAS a lovely September afternoon in the year of our Lord 1893. The world's fair was in full swing and the white city by the lake was filled with sightseers from every part of the land. People strolled from each other for long years by the length or breadth of the continent met in the broad aisles of the buildings or on the seats of a gondola, and Kalamazoo rubbed shoulders with Tallahassee in the endeavor to see the jewelry exhibit or the big locomotives. Most crowded and most cosmopolitan of all, was the Kaliedoscope attachment, the Midway Plaisance, where, from the South Sea islanders to the Ferris wheel, the wide highway was thronged with multifarious enjoyment. And Tommy was taking it all in as only a small and curiously curious boy knows how to do.

Tommy and his Aunt Isabel—I put Tommy first because that was the order of things, his aunt having taken charge of him that afternoon because he had already tired out his mother—had been through a good deal. They had investigated the Javanese village and old Vienna, the panoply of the Bernese Alps and the Eelmo settlement; consequently, though Tommy was as fresh as paint, Miss Bernard was slightly tired and glad to sit down on the benches of Hagenbach's great animal show, which was Tommy's rest objective point. It was a good seat, with a fine view of the ring; which was probably the reason why the young man who came in a minute after them took the last seat on the row, next to Tom.

Tommy's eyes upon him as he took his place. Luckily, he was oblivious of anything beyond Tommy's seat. She tripped quickly away—a movement which naturally brought the young man's eyes upon her. He started in his turn with quite as much dismay in his face as she had shown, and also looked diligently at the stage. It was, truly, most embarrassing for both. When two young people have been deeply in love, have been engaged, with the consent and approbation of everybody, and have broken off with each other in a violent lovers' quarrel within six months, it is hard enough to have to meet in a ballroom or on the street; but to sit almost side by side in a public place for half an hour is an ordeal to be dreaded, indeed. And especially when a man has left New York and gone to San Francisco simply in order to put leagues of continent between himself and the girl, and when the girl has been hoping and praying that she may forget him and never see him again, it is a little hard for both to seem unconcerned and cordial before a small nephew.

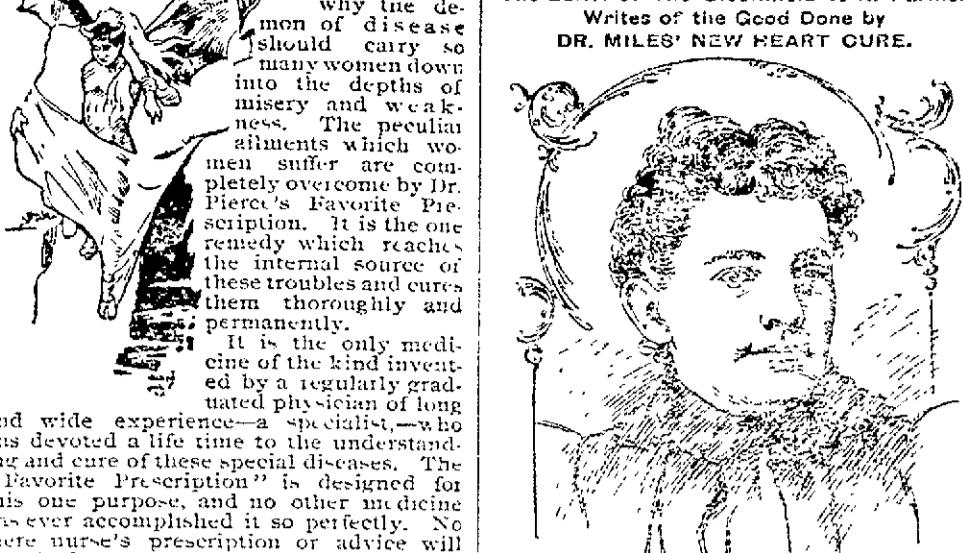
It had to be done, however, for Tommy recognized Mr. Dick Farquhar at once, and, having a great admiration for his own sex and an equally lofty contempt for the weaker one, directed his questions and observations entirely to him. Isabel, after smiling politely but coldly, fixed her eyes in desperate attention upon those wonderful but to her totally uninteresting animals, the hounds, the pony and the lion, who were trotting in some marvelous maneuver before her unseeing eyes. She was vividly conscious, though she despised herself for it, of every word which Dick was saying to the inquisitive Tommy. "Yes, he had seen bears—yes, he had shot one or two—no, he was not living in New York any more—yes, he had the same horse—yes, this was better than the circus." But this last remark was made in such a palpably perfidious way that it was evident that he was not enjoying it at all.

Isabel hoped he didn't. She hoped he was feeling as embarrassed and miserable as she was. He deserved it, too. He ought to have had sense enough, at such a place, not to get into the seat next to Tommy. He always did go straight ahead without thinking—she knew that—and then, he was nearsighted. But that was no excuse. Did he expect her to make some everyday remark to him? She couldn't do it—and whether she could or not, she wouldn't. No one—no girl in her place could be expected to be more than idly polite to the man who had pretended to love her so, and then doubted her just because she was ordinarily courteous to a man he didn't like, and commanded yes, commanded him to do just his will and pleasure in the matter. Nobody ever said "must" to her—he ought to have known that. He ought not to have brought everything to that point and made it impossible for her to refuse without breaking their engagement. Of course, she had to break it, she would have died rather than do it, but then, she would have died rather than submit, too. Her pretty mouth quivered as she thought of the cruel unreasonableness of man.

Dick, out of the corner of his eye—for near-sighted people see a great deal, noticed the rebellious line of the mouth, and concluded that she was as wilful as ever. It had all been her doing. It wasn't her fault at first, of course, he owned up to that now. He could see that it was just because she was so innocent and cordial that she should have been friendly to that very objectionable Englishman who came from no one knew where, and had managed to get into her sister's set. But then, Isabel ought to have understood that her lover was the authority on such points for her. It was just because he loved her so that he interfered so decidedly; and if she had one spark of real love for him she would have yielded and not have made a point about it. The point being made, of course he had to carry it through like a man, even if he hung the whole happiness of his life upon the victory or defeat of his will. Didn't she realize that

## To Benefit Others.

The Editor of The Bloomfield Iowa Farmer Writes of the Good Done by DR. MILES' NEW HEART CURE.



There is no good reason why the demon of disease should carry so many women down into the depths of misery and weakness. The peculiar ailments which women suffer are completely overcome by Dr. Miles' Favorite Prescription. It is the one remedy which reaches the internal source of these troubles and cures them thoroughly and permanently.

It is the only medicine of the kind invented by a regularly graduated physician of long

and wide experience—a specialist—who has devoted a life time to the understanding and cure of these special diseases. The favorite prescription is designed for this purpose, and no other medicine has ever accomplished it so perfectly. No mere man's prescription or advice will be relied upon by a sensible woman afflicted with these delicate complaints.

Every woman would understand her

physical organization better and be better

able to keep in health and condition by

reading Dr. Miles' thousand page illustrated book, "The Common Sense Medical Adviser." Several chapters are devoted to woman's special physiology with valuable suggestions for home-treatment without the aid of a physician. A paper-bound copy will be sent free on receipt of 21 one-cent stamps to pay the cost of mailing only. Address, World's Dispensary Association, Buffalo, N. Y. If a handsome, cloth-bound, beautifully stamped copy is preferred, send to stamp extra (31 in all), to cover the additional expense.

Constipation if neglected will lead the most robust to the doctor's office. The blood gets loaded down with impurities which it deposits in every organ and tissue in the body. Serious illness is the inevitable result. Dr. Miles' Pleasant Pellets cure constipation. They are prompt and pleasant in their action. They never gripe. They cure permanently and compactly, and are not mere temporary palliatives like so many so-called remedies. Druggists sell them. If you accut something "just as good," you will regret it.

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## OLD VETS' GIFT.

**Handsome Set of Resolutions Presented to the Middletown Fire Department.**

Ex-Chief Eli Bates, Capt. Daniel Bradley, A. J. Brush, William Martin and J. J. Muloney, of the Old Volunteer Firemen's Association, of New York city, arrived in this city, Christmas, with a handsome set of resolutions for the department in this city. The committee was met at the James street station at 12:55 by Chief Higham and First Assistant D. S. Louisbury, of Monhagen, and escorted to the Commercial House, where they were the guests of Chief Higham until their departure on Erie No. 8 for New York city.

At 2:30, in keeping with the plans formulated at Friday night's meeting of the Board of Officers, delegations from each company met at Excelsior's rooms. President John T. Ogden, of the Common Council, and Alderman Joshua Hirst, Chairman of the Fire Committee, were also present.

Chief Higham introduced Capt. Bradley, who presented the department with the resolutions adopted by the association. The gift was accepted by Mr. Ogden, and remarks were made by ex-Chief Bates, in which he congratulated the department on its Chief Engineer. Alderman Hirst also spoke.

The resolutions are elaborately prepared, the work of a pen artist, and express in fitting language the volunteers' appreciation of the entertainment afforded them here last fall. The resolutions may be seen in Van Duzer & Smith's window.

## HELD FOR THE GRAND JURY.

**A Prom'nt at Sullivan County Merchant Charged with Obia nung a Note Insolventy.**

John Beck, a well known merchant at Jeffersonville, Sullivan county, has been arrested and held in \$250 bail on a charge of obtaining a note for \$72 from Mrs. Margaret Egger, by insuperstitions. A warrant had been issued for the arrest of her son on a charge of breaking into Mr. Beck's store. Mrs. Egger alleges, and her statement is confirmed by Constable Heidt, that Mr. Beck told her that if she paid for the goods taken and a bill that Egger owed at the store, the master would be dropped. A note was given for the amount but the constable said he would have to do his duty and arrested young Egger, who was committed to jail.

The maximum penalty for the crime with which Mr. Beck is charged is three years in prison, and the minimum penalty a fine not to exceed three times the amount involved in the unlawful transaction.

## COUNTERFEIT MILEAGE BOOKS.

**The Erie Is Forced to Call in Books of the "New York State" Form.**

The discovery has been made that the Erie's old form of New York State mileage books has been extensively counterfeited, and agents have been instructed not to honor books of this issue, but to take them up and send them to the General Passenger Agent's office. If the books prove genuine they will be redeemed at the rate of two cents a mile for the unused mileage. No books of the style that has been counterfeited have been issued since September. The order does not apply to books of more recent form.

## The Walt'n Armory Biddle.

Delaware county's Supervisors think they have solved the Walton armory muddle by asking Assemblyman Axtell to see the passage of a bill appropriating \$10,000 for the completion of the building and furnishing, heating and lighting it, also another bill making an appropriation for the payment of the armorer and of other claims for work done.

## Experimenting With a New Style Compound Engine.

A Rogers locomotive of a new type is being run on the New York Division of the Erie as an experiment. It is a compound engine on one side while on the other is but a single cylinder. The locomotive was run for two weeks on the Susquehanna and Western with good satisfaction.

## Wanted \$10,291 but Will Take \$1,700.

Dr. Wesley Wait, of Newburgh, who presented a bill of \$10,291, against the estate of the late William Wait for the board and care of the deceased, has agreed to accept \$1,700 in full payment. The heirs objected so vigorously that he consented to a great scaling down of his claim.

## The Port Jervis Telephone Company.

The Port Jervis Telephone Co., of which Geo. G. Otis, general manager of the Orange County Telephone Co., of this city, is superintendent, expects to have its exchange in operation by Feb. 1st. It already has 137 subscribers.

## Lord Willin' Contant in Washington.

From the Newburgh Telegram.

There is no question that Lord Willin' was seen in Washington lately. He was elegantly attired, wore a high hat and was traveling about with a well-appearing man.

## Results of Revival Meetings at the First Baptist Church.

Five more converts were baptized, last evening. Many rose for prayers in the great after-meeting. Over fifty new members are to receive the right hand of fellowship next Sunday morning.

## No-To-Bar for Fifty Cents.

Guaranteed tobacco habit cure makes weak men strong, blood pure. 80c. \$1. All druggists.

## Can't Eat

This is the complaint of thousands at this season. They have no appetite; food does not relish. They need the toning up of the stomach and digestive organs, which a course of Hood's Sarsaparilla will give them. It also purifies and enriches the blood, cures that distress after eating and internal misery only a dyspeptic can know, creates an appetite, overcomes that tired feeling and builds up and sustains the whole physical system. It so promptly and efficiently relieves dyspeptic symptoms and cures nervous headaches, that it seems to have almost "a magic touch."

## Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner pills, aid digestion. 25c.

## BIG HOLIDAY BUSINESS.

**Merchants Satisfied With the Holiday Trade This Year.**

The merchants about town who have been asked about their holiday trade report almost generally that it has been up to previous years, and in many cases away ahead of any recent holiday season. Stocks which had been purchased judiciously for this particular trade were well cleaned out, and the counters are ready for new goods. This fact is particularly true of dealers in novelties and knick knacks and judgings from the amount of goods sold many hearts must have been made happier on Christmas Day.

Candy and fruit men sold in quantities as never before, while marketmen say many bought turkeys for more than one family. Dry goods men made many sales which will not show until the dressmaker has been called in. Sleighs and skates enough to make a parade of happy youngsters longer than the longest ever held here were bought for the growing youth of this city.

Taken all in all it was a great harvest for the merchants, and every one is looking forward to the new year with bright hopes.

## PAST MASTER WILSON'S GIFT.

## Middletown Lodge, B. of R. T., Rememb'res His Seven Years' Service.

Middletown Lodge, No. 40, B. of R. T., had a regular meeting Sunday afternoon in this city, at which Past Master John M. Wilson installed the following officers:

Past Master—J. M. Wilson.  
Master—C. S. Stevens.  
Vice Master—G. E. Griffis.  
Secretary—C. E. Jones.  
Financier—Thomas Boyd.  
Chaplain—Burt Pecker.  
Conductor—James Deviney.  
Warden—Cole.  
Inner Guard—F. B. Ayres.  
Outer Guard—Winthrop Horton.

After the installation Vice Master Griffis presented the retiring Master John M. Wilson, with a beautiful badge of the order. Past Master Wilson accepted the badge gracefully, though it was a complete surprise to him. He spoke feelingly of his seven years' association with the lodge as its Master, and made cheering predictions for the future.

The badge bears the name of its owner, the lodge, and the date, and the insignia of the order. It is on exhibition, to-day, at Gordon's jewelry store.

## GRATIFYING RESULTS.

## INTERESTING EXPERIMENTS WITH THE NEW STOMACH REMEDY.

## Not a Patent Medicine, But a safe Cure for all Forms of Indigestion.

The results of recent investigation have established, beyond question, the great value of the new preparation for indigestion and stomach troubles; it is composed of the digestive acids, pepsin, bismuth, Golden Seal and similar stomachs prepared in the form of 20 grain lozenges, pleasant to the taste, convenient to carry when traveling, harmless to the most delicate stomach, and probably the safest, most effective cure yet discovered for indigestion, sour stomach, loss of appetite and flesh, nausea, sick headaches, palpitation of heart and the many symptoms arising from imperfect digestion of food. They cure because they cause the food to be promptly and thoroughly digested before it has time to sour, ferment and poison the blood and nervous system.

Over six thousand people in the state of Michigan alone in 1894 were cured of stomach troubles by Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.

Full sized packages may be found at all druggists at 50 cents, or sent by mail on receipt of price from Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich. Send for free book on stomach diseases.

## Try Grain-O! Try Grain-O!

Ask your grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. GRAIN-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. One-fourth the price of coffee. Fifteen cents and 25 cents per package. Sold by all grocers.

The statements of those who have been cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla prove the great merit of this medicine. Get only Hood's.

## FINE CHRISTMAS DINNER.

**Served by George Lea to the Guests of the Mad Son House.**

Landlord George Lea, of the Madison House, served a very elaborate dinner to his guests on Christmas Day. The menu was as follows:

Oxtail Soup, Pickled Beets, Mayonnaise of Salmon, Cress at Oliv-a, Boiled x Tongue—Vinegar Sauce, Chick'le Giblets, Roman Punch, Jelly Tarts, Roast Young Delaware Turkey, Cranberry Sauce, Roast Young Suckling Pig, Apple Sauce, Roast Ten Inch Turkey, Grape Jelly, Boiled and Mashed Potatoes, Green Peas, Fried Parsnips—Breaded, Stewed Carrots, Roast Goose, Red Currant Jelly, Roast Tenderloin of Beef, Larded—with Mushrooms, Baby Olives, Chicken Salad, Succotash, Boiled Hau—Champagne Souce, Sweet Potatoes, Cucumber Pickles, Apple, Mince and Pumpkin Pie, Dairy Cheese, English Plum Pudding, Foul Souce, Wine, Caramalized Ice Cream, Oranges, Nuts, Raisins, Bananas, Assorted Cakes, Malaga Grapes, Tea, Caffe Noir, Chocolate, Sweet Cider

## AT GRACE CHURCH.

## Fine Musical Christmas Services—Christmas Carols—Baptism To-morrow.

There were two services in Grace Church on Christmas day, with two celebrations, the first at 7:30 a. m., the second at 11 a. m. There was a good attendance. A full choir was present on both occasions and rendered the Christmas music admirably.

On Sunday evening the Christmas carols were sung in Grace Church. The members of the Waalkill Company were present in uniform. The rector gave an address to the children from the words "what manner of child shall this be."

To-morrow, Holy Innocents' Day, Grace Church will be opened for baptism at 4:30 p. m.

## AN UNEXPECTED GUEST.

## Pine Bush Family Party Made Merry in Consequence.

Dr. L. J. Merritt gave a family dinner party at his home at Pine Bush, Saturday, which was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Valentine N. Powell, of this city, the latter being a sister.

During the merriment of the day a sister of Dr. Merritt, who was present, became the mother of a bouncing boy.

## First Presbyterian Sunday School's Christmas Entertainment.

The Christmas entertainment of the First Presbyterian Sunday School will be held in the lecture room, this evening. The congregation and friends of the school are cordially invited.

## Christmas Gifts for Pastor Heath.

Rev. F. A. Heath, pastor of the First Baptist Church, received a beautiful typewriter desk from eighteen converts baptized Dec. 5th: also a handsome silver-mounted silk umbrella from his Juniors.

## ONE CENT A WORD

for each insertion. No advertisement taken for less than 10 cents.

LOSER—Puck's book on Academy Avenue. Reward offered. Leave at this office.

HARMONIA Council, American Legion of Honor, will give an entertainment and ball at the Auditorium Hall, New Year's Eve. Admission 25c.

ASSIGNEE'S Sale of Uncollected Book Accounts of the late firm of M. & R. Beebe will be held on Monday, Jan. 10th, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the offices of Merrill & Burke, 55 North street.

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EDWIN S. MERRILL, Attorney for Assignee.

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LADIES' and Gents' Suits and overcoats cleaned, dyed and pressed, gloves cleaned, ostrich plumes cleaned, dyed and curled.

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THE Klondike isn't in it with the bargains in second-hand goods at LOEVEN'S Store, House, 21 Monhagen Avenue. 7dlycde 23-28.

THERE are many new designs in Watchs, Clocks, Jewelry, etc., for the season of '97-'98. Call and see us at 100 North street, AMERICA'S, or North street, next to Press Office. Repairing a specialty at short notice and all work guaranteed. Engraving of all goods purchased free of charge. See other adv.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS—old violins \$2 and \$5, mandolins \$1 to \$3, banjo \$2 to \$3, and extra fine zither and cello, \$2—strings, only \$5.00, seldom get so fine a fine instrument.

EXCHANGE AND MART CO., No. 36 East Main street.

LOWER Part of house, 69 East Avenue; lower part of house with barn, 30 Canal street; lower part of house, with barn, 203 East Main street, for rent.

Enquire of G. CUMMINGS, 100 North street, or corner East Ave and Faeton St.

PERFUMES in Bulk—Woolworth's best triple extra. Violets of Sicily, Blue Lilies, Jockey Club, Musk, Lily of the Valley, Crab Apple, Blouson, Grapapain, White Rose, Stephanotis, Honeysuckle, etc. We'll be pleased to show them to you.

CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street, second door from post office.

MRS. RUSH, 144 North street.

HOLLY VALLEY—We sell all our Felt, Cheesecloth and Velour. Large and small pieces of 25 to 50 per cent. Also great reductions on bird plumes, swans and turkey feathers. This is to reduce our stock and induce you to buy your hats here for C-1 times. S. & our state of lines and embroidery silk. Ribbons sold cheap for fancy work.

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J. W. SLOAT'S

Cheese Store,

15-17 East Main St.

## DIED.

McWILLIAMS—In this city, Dec. 26th, '97, after a brief sickness, Sarah H. Sands, wife of Edwin McWilliams, aged fifty two years.

Funeral services, Wednesday afternoon, at two o'clock, at the residence, 23 John street. Relatives and intimate friends will please attend without further notice. Interment in family plot, Hillside Cemetery.

CRANE—at Purdy's Station, town of Wallkill, Dec. 26th, '97, of meningitis. Elsie E. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. D. Crane, aged four years, four months.

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